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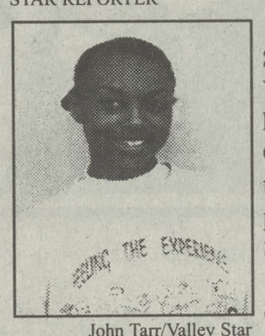
Myles elected new BSU president

■ **CULTURAL AWARENESS:** In the spirit of Black History Month, Valley College students begin to realign the historical Black Student Union.

By JOHN TARR
STAR REPORTER



John Tarr/Valley Star
Chrsitina Myles

The Black Student Union at Valley College has elected Christina Myles to be the new president for the Spring of 1998.

Myles was elected Monday, after one week as interim president amdist questions of whether Valley college would have a BSU this semester because of a lack of student involvement.

The BSU was established in 1967, according to Barbara Stoffer of the Foreign Languages department and adviser to the BSU since 1969. BSU endeavors to help students realize the importance of black cultural awareness.

Myles said she intends to strive for this goal by bringing the black community together.

The BSU is a chance for black students and others to come together to realize a common goal of unity and progress through togetherness according to Myles.

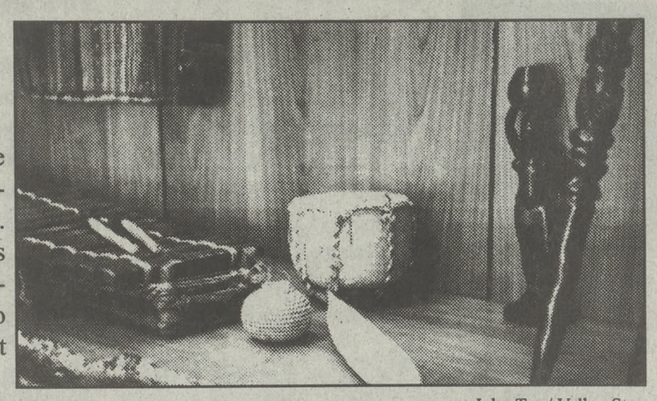
"It is an opportunity to be involved in stimulating discussions," Stoffer said.

The meetings center around learning together through literary discussions and study groups to promote better education. The activities include tutoring buddy programs which Myles said she hopes can be extended to elementary schools as well.

"Getting people to get past themselves and work together is our biggest challenge," she said. "But I think we can do it."

In past semesters the BSU did not function correctly according to Myles.

"Basically nothing was really being accomplished. There was too much debating and not enough action," Myles said. "If you're raising money, you need to know why, and then keep doing it."



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Inside Monarch Hall is an African American antiquities display. These materials represent many cultural practices and helped to pass on historical knowledge to students.

Myles said she hopes to raise $2,000 this semester through fund-raisers and outside donations in an effort to award at least 10 scholarships of $200 each.

Myles said she would like to see the scholarships awarded to active students who not only attend meetings but participate in Valley College activities and off campus roles such as poetry or writing contests which enhance student's knowledge and understanding of black culture and identity.

"Our culture is made up of everybody else's culture," Myles said. "Black culture doesn't really have one identity and that's something I would like to change."

The motto behind BSU is "Yes we can and together we will."

The next meeting is Feb. 23 at 1:15 p.m.

CAMPUS SCENE

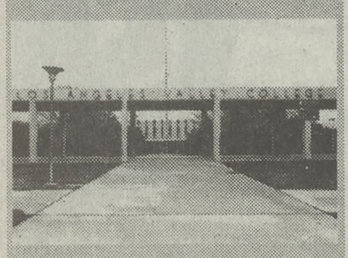
STUDENT TRUSTEE

❖ The Los Angeles Community College District's Board of Trustees is looking for an advocate to run for the Student Trustees position.

The job requires the individual to represent student interests at the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Nominating yourself is allowed. Applications are available now through March 2. For more information go into the Office of Student Services in Campus center 100A.

BELLS ARE RINGING



❖ Every hour the sounds of Clarion Chimes have greeted students on campus... The sounds come from a loud speaker inside the attic of the campus center.

COUNSELING WORKSHOPS

❖ The Counseling Department is holding a series of workshops on Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m. in FL 104.

Feb. 17: How to Apply For Financial Aid, by Sister Crace Rabideau and David Ritterband.

Feb. 24: Improving Exam Performance, by Steven Sachs.

CHEMISTRY 100

❖ PESSA presents Bridges at Valley College. There will be guest speakers from UCLA and Valley College to discuss UCLA summer research opportunities. The presentation is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 3 p.m.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

HIV testing will be available on Feb. 17 from 1-4 p.m. and on Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students can be tested through blood or saliva.

MONARCH HALL

A blood drive will be conducted on Feb. 24-25 from 10 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Sign up in the Health Center.

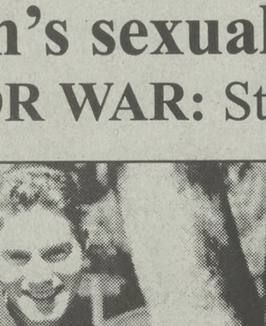
Heinselman has hands full with LACCD deficit

By ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

Unfortunately James Heinselman will not be starting his new position as interim chancellor of LACCD with a clean slate.

His hands are full of the challenges that engulf LACCD.

On top of this list lies the overwhelming district deficit that directly affects the possibility of Valley College controlling its deficit.



Courtesy of Gary Wood/LAHC
James Heinselman

In the last Town Hall Meeting Jan. 29 directed by Valley College President Tyree Wieder, Leon Marzillier, president of the Academic Senate said Heinselman whose last position was President of Harbor College. will "seek input from faculty, staff and students in an effort to take a more proactive role" within LACCD.

According to Wieder, Valley College is currently facing a $1.5 million deficit, a million more than last year.

"I really want to work to get this down," Weider said.

By the year 2000, the goal is to get the deficit down to only one million.

Chair of the Budget Committee Marty Hittlman explained that when taking into account all the fixed costs within Valley College, mainly salaries, and add to that hourly rates, the outcome reaches about a million dollars.

"If we cut our hourly rate in half, there would be no deficit," he said. However, Valley College is already enduring a shortage in full time positions.

"The problem is not us running up a deficit, the problem is we are not funded enough," said Hittelman. "We spend only what is required of us to spend in order to operate this college."

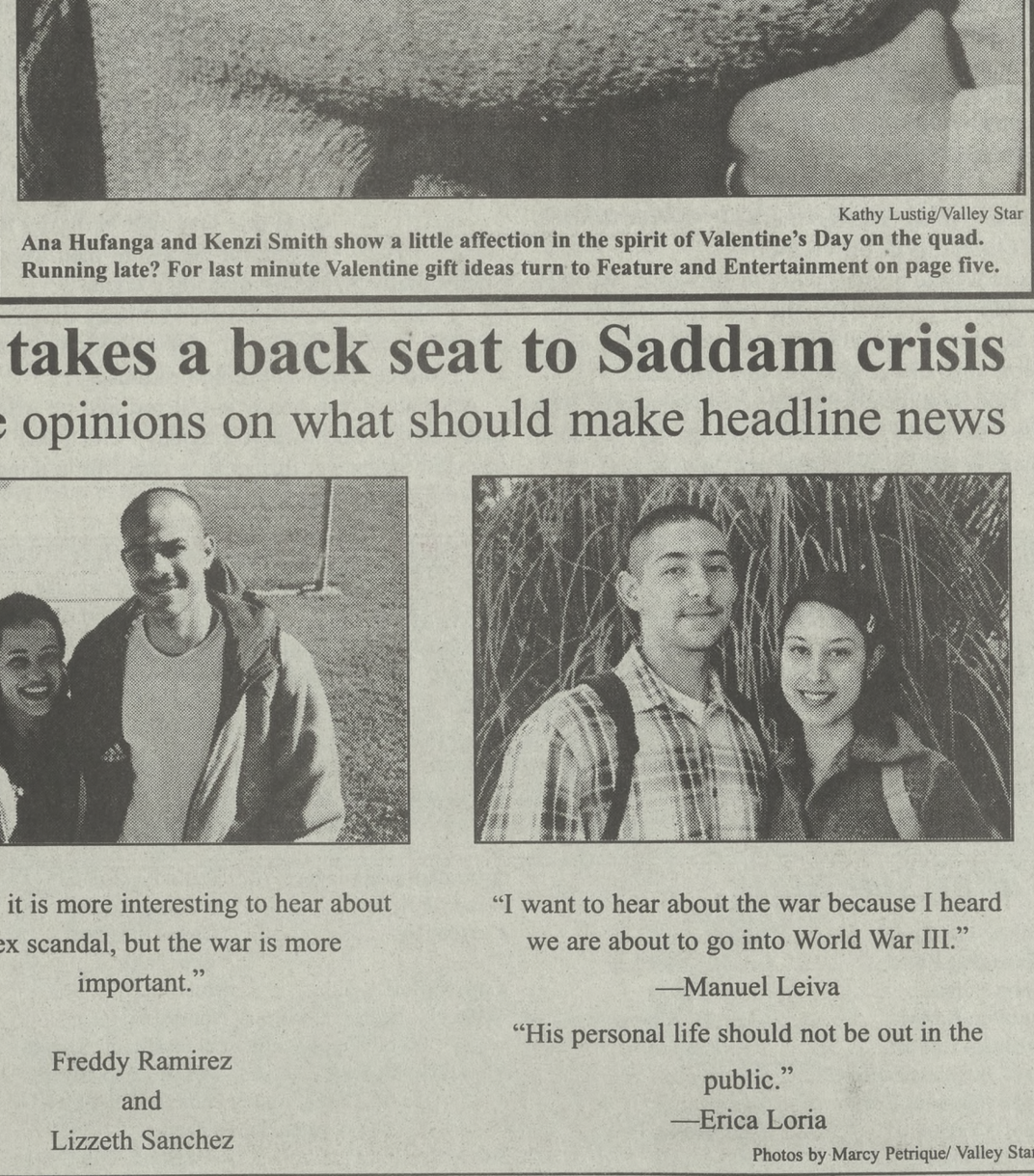
Hittleman also unveiled two areas represented in the budget that should be considered district expenditures rather than campus ones. These are the annuity payment and COPS Repay. Together these equal an additional $525,000. Hittleman said that the district implemented these costs in order to make campus expenses look higher.

"The ending balance is a lot less than they [district] say it is," said Hittleman. "Somebody is playing games with us to make it look worse than it is."

Without these extra expenses, the deficit would be around $800,000.

"It's going to be very difficult to end the year with a positive balance," Hittleman said.

Love is in the air. . .



Kathy Lustig/Valley Star
Ana Hufanga and Kenzi Smith show a little affection in the spirit of Valentine's Day on the quad. Running late? For last minute Valentine gift ideas turn to Feature and Entertainment on page five.

Clinton's sexual scandal takes a back seat to Saddam crisis

■**SEX OR WAR:** Students share opinions on what should make headline news

"I'm sick of hearing about this stupid sex scandal. I could care less if he slept with a monkey. I like the way he's running the country."
—Tracy Lenrfield
"War is probably more important, but in a time of war it is important to have a president not conducting sexual harassment."
—Steven Ross

"In a way it is more interesting to hear about the sex scandal, but the war is more important."

Freddy Ramirez
and
Lizzeth Sanchez

"I want to hear about the war because I heard we are about to go into World War III."
—Manuel Leiva
"His personal life should not be out in the public."
—Erica Loria

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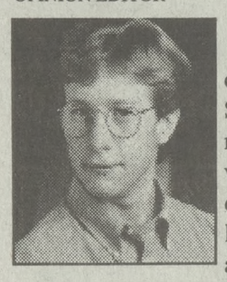
Will Saddam ever give in?

By CHRIS M. ALLPORT
OPINION EDITOR



As we struggle to resolve our current dispute with Saddam Hussein, it occurs to me that there are only five ways to resolve international disputes: 1. Unilateral capitulation; 2. Diplomacy to achieve mutual agreement; 3. Binding arbitration; 4. Capitulation forced by the threat of war; 5. The devastation and horrors of war.

Now that the United Nations and the United Sates are in dispute with the leader(s) of Iraq, it appears that options one, two and three have thus far been exhausted; and that we are deeply engrossed in option number four.

Hopefully, Mr. Hussein will see the wisdom of the edicts of the United Nations, thus avoiding the option of war.

This however, seems highly unlikely and, if war is inevitable, let it be waged by the United Nations, not by the United States. This is not to say that I think that the United States should not participate in removing this ogre from power, it is only to caution that the United States participate only as requested under the direction of the United Nations.

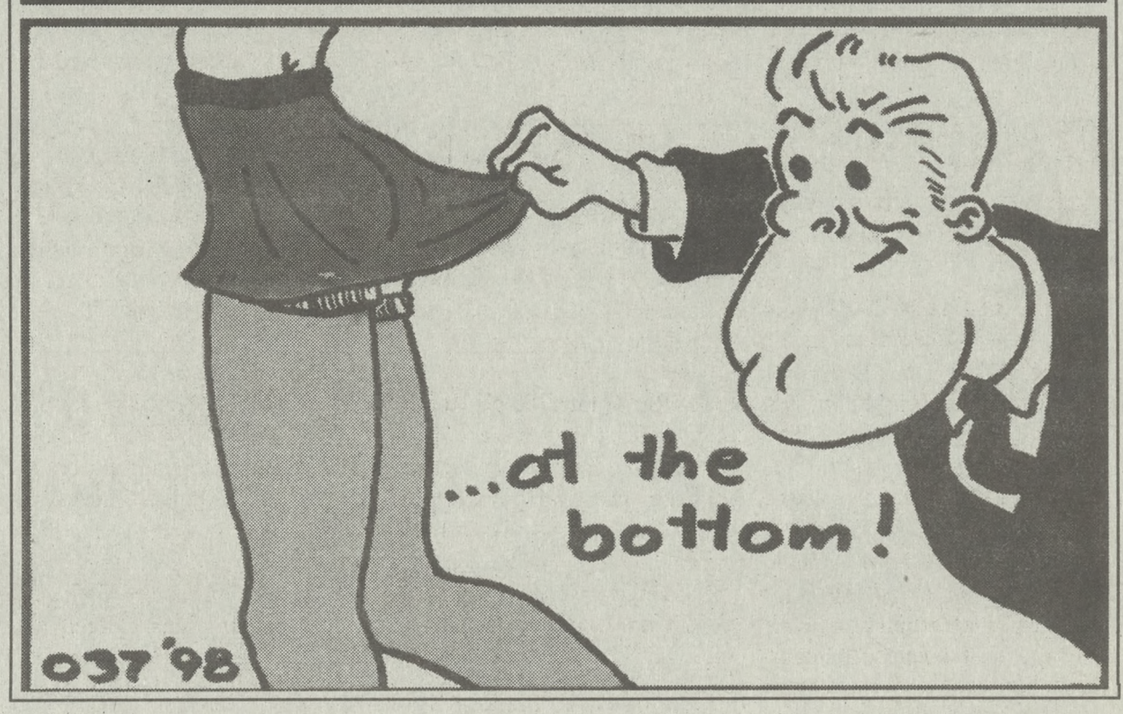
Perhaps a strategy of incremental military engagement could minimize the devastation and horror, while maximizing the effectiveness of our military operations.

For example, secretly select the one most strategic target, one of Mr. Hussein's sixty-some palaces perhaps. Then completely destroy it, both vertically and horizontally until it no longer exists.

Strategic target candidates for elimination would include Mr. Hussein's so-called "palaces," and his headquarters. After the elimination of one of these spots, the United Nations should wait a week, hoping for his capitulation.

Then if necessary, should the evil man not capitulate, repeat the process weekly, destroying strategic targets until he agrees to comply with the resolutions that United Nations has passed upon him.

The torment of waiting, wondering and not knowing which target is being selected next for imminent destruction might eventually alter Mr. Hussein's ego. And after a few weeks he will tell the world, "Enough is enough...I shall comply."



JULIO CORTEZ/Valley Star

Credit card companies lure students into debt

By ANITA TORRES
STAFF WRITER

As all students have witnessed, walking around campus the first few weeks of the semester is chaos. Hundreds of people are frantically trying to add and drop classes, pay fees, and buy books.

To add to the confusion, booths are set up everywhere with people trying to get you to do everything from sign a petition to save the rainforests or buy beaded jewelry. Possibly the most annoying of these booths are the ones which try to get students to sign up for credit cards.

For hundreds of years now, young adults have been trying to prove their maturity and responsibility to the world. We have to put up a constant fight with controlling families, critical teachers, and the media who forever represent our age group as troublemakers.

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Why is it then that credit card companies, who are headed by these same critics, try to shove their services down young people's throats?

In one simple word, the reason is money. When companies send out representatives who try to recruit applicants, what better place to send them than to a college? After all, that is a place where they are sure to find hundreds of potential "prospects," or more accurately, victims. Fresh out of high school, barely old enough to sign up, and eager to try something new and "grown up," young adults make these companies more money than they can possibly imagine.

It is sad to see these booths, attractively set up with "free" T-shirts and mugs proudly displaying their card name, flocked with students anxious to sign on the dotted line. It is almost guaranteed that the majority of these people will end up with debts that they will be trying to pay off for the rest of their lives. Such a pretty picture of impending doom.

Please all you credit card company moguls, sacrifice a miniscule part of your millions and use it to promote responsible credit card usage.

After all, if you don't you'll just end up with more people who owe you money which you'll probably never get thanks to a sweet little thing called filing for bankruptcy.

A College degree is a college degree... *or is it?*

By ALBERTO GUTIERREZ
STAFF WRITER

The other day I ran into an old high school friend, and she asked me how things were going at UCLA. When I told her that I left UCLA and am attending Valley now, the look on her face said: "Poor Albert. What went wrong?"

What I had done wrong was put myself about $8,000 in debt for what would have cost me less than $1,000.

My own mother is still a little embarrassed to tell her friends that her loser son goes to a community college.

What is so wrong with going to a community college and then transferring to a university? I, for one, am sick of people feeling sorry for me because I don't attend a university.

Let me see: students from CSUN feel sorry for me because I don't spend $1,500 a year in tuition. Students at UCLA are feeling sorry for me because I don't spend $4,000 a year. And students at USC pity me because I don't spend $22,000 for tuition.

Poor me—I'm stuck here at Valley spending about $800 a year—including books—to learn the same things my university counterparts are learning, and probably in a much more caring environment.

Aside from saving money, attending a community college allows students to start their education at whatever level they need to.

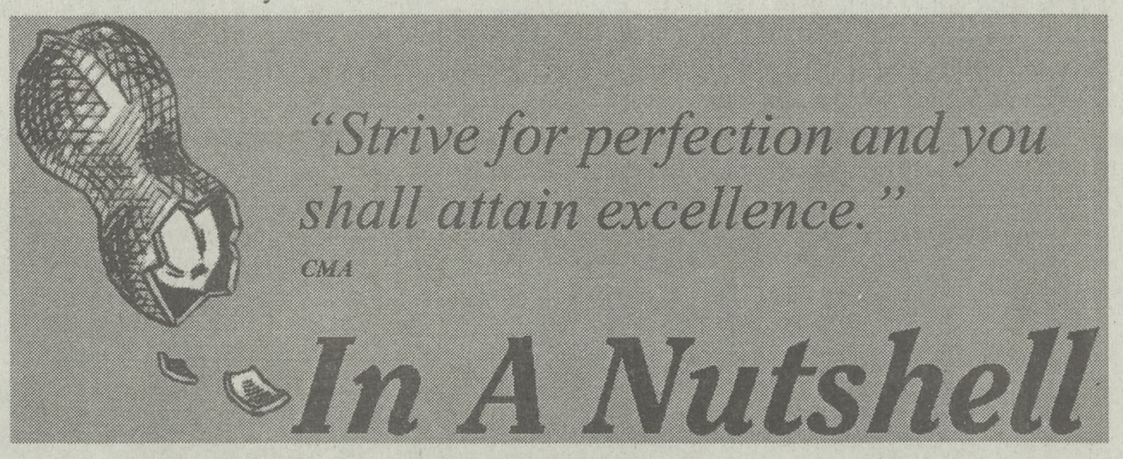
Take me for example: I failed trigonometry in high school, and the lowest level of math at UCLA is pre-calculus. Ironically, my old UCLA counselor recommended that I take a couple math courses at a community college before starting math at the university.

Or let's say I was a goof off in high school four years ago (which of course I wasn't, but this is just a hypothetical), and I'm working a dead-end job. Then, it suddenly dawns on me that I should be lawyer.

Even if I didn't goof around in high school, by now I've forgotten everything I've learned. A university won't take me, but I could take placement tests at Valley, turn over a new leaf, and start fresh, all over again.

I've been attending Valley for about two years, now, and I plan on being here for about another.

And as for my old high school friends now attending universities, well, let's just say they don't turn in any papers without letting me proof-read them first.



What's Your Opinion?

The Valley Star would love to receive and, if possible, publish your letters. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist or sexually oriented denigrations. Letters must be signed and include student's ID number.

Letters may be left with the Valley Star at BJ 114 by Friday morning for the following thursday. Letters will also be picked up from our three mailboxes attached to three of our yellow news stands, or E-mail to ValleyStar@yahoo.com. Topics which we would like to include in our next issue are your experiences on Saint Valentines Day. Please write to us at ValleyStar@yahoo.com with you Valentines anecdotes.

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Editorial:

Do Professors Really Care?

Every student should ask themselves this question: Are you in school to get an education or to get a degree? Ironically in today's society there is a vast difference between these two choices. Receiving an education entails the art of learning and consuming information. Can all of us students really say that we were excited and eager to learn all we could in Art History or Bagpipes 101? Let's face it, today one would find most students more focused on earning those three credits instead of taking an active role in the classroom lecture. Why is this? Could it be that the instructors are just as unconcerned as their students are? How many times has an instructor began a class with the ever so eloquent phrase, 'I know most of you don't care about this class and are just here to fill a requirement. I don't care if you are here or not, I get paid either way.' Nice welcome mat, huh? Quite possibly if a professor walked in and displayed some excitement about his/her job instead of acting as if the job is a tiring household chore, more students would be motivated to learn.

Professors are the keys to educational success. There are a million types of occupations, but only some of them have the option of creating impacts on others lives.

Each teacher has the power to make a difference in a student's life. There are accountants or janitors who dream of a job like this, where their efforts have the potential of being acknowledged greatly. There is a great amount of responsibility tied to a professor's job description. However the secret recipe just involves loving the job and caring about the work being performed.

A professor is already placed in a leadership position. No matter what, students who plan on passing, are required to follow whatever procedures a professor feels necessary. Give students a reason to want to come to class. Don't make education a chore, make it a gift.

There are professors out there that honestly care, who go beyond his/her pedagogical duties and ignites spirit among students. We have had the luxury of enduring a class with these amazing individuals who are enthralled about their occupational choice. These professors stand out among the rest. Unfortunately, however, they are an endangered species.

There may never be a time where Biology majors are waiting in line to register for Bagpipe 101, yet given the right type of professor, the incentive to create less than memorable music would be greater..

Let's strive for something that goes beyond three credits. The fruits of a professors labor will benefit society and inspire the minds of many apathetic students.

Disabled billed twice for parking

By LAURA RENOLDS
STAR REPORTER

Why should the disabled be billed by the State for a place card and license plate then another $20.00 for parking on campus? It's not right! The $20.00 can go for paying for more books or materials needed for classes. The long lines at the Department of Motor Vehicle and frustration of applying for such a permit requires a letter from the disabled persons doctor for a place card.

Assembly Bill 2625 was introduced by Assemblyman Richard Katz in 1990, which states that students with disabilities and persons providing transportation to students with disabilities shall be required to display a valid parking permit, if applicable for attending college campus.

According to this disabled reporter, the information given by some student workers makes it hard to grasp a clear picture of a smooth operation that helps the disabled and handicapped. For example, there are 40 disabled parking spaces at Valley College. Campus Police Captain Karl Traber said, "that all students that attend valley should have a parking decal which is District policy.

If caught by the campus police there is a fine of $25.00 and must be paid by the owner of the car. In the Spring Semester Schedule 98, page 81, is more information about parking on campus.

The decal must be placed and displayed on vehicles parked in all parking lots and a citation will be given to those who choose not to get the parking permit.

Students sometimes forget the permit until later, costing them the fine. There is a two week grace period to get the permit during registration.

After looking around campus with Officer Michael T. Habich, he said that he had painted new disabled parking places for the disabled without permission from the safety committee.

While at Monarch Hall campus center 100, I went in the Disabled Student Program and Service (DSPS) which helps the disabled and asked some general questions about parking fees and also asked why the disabled should pay parking permits. Well, the place was full of disabled students who were asking questions.

A disabled person can get answers and questions to help along their education goals.

Kathleen Sullivan, head of Disabled Student Program and Services, can help those in need of services in campus center 100.

What is DSPS? The Disabled Student Program (DSPS) is mandated by title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to offer support services for students with verified disabilities in order to provide equal access to educational programs and activities offered by the 107 California Community Colleges.

Some programs offered are priority registration, special parking, tutoring, testing, room change for wheelchair accessibility, liaison with instructors and campus departments, liaison with the California State Department of Rehabilitation, assistance with ordering the recording for the Blind /Book on tape.

On parking lot H there had been only one parking assigned for the disabled until recently when more were added.

Campus police won't cite the disabled in metered parking areas and want disabled students to park in disabled parking first.

Lets make it easier for the disabled students to get an education at Valley College. The law can be changed by voting on a new Motor Vehicle Code change for the disabled parking and additional fee reduction.

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS DESK

It's devastating to us that a lot of people around Valley College do not read the school newspaper. It's OK. You might even be reading this article because you don't have anything better to do.

That's also OK.

We are not mad at you. We've got nothing but love for you. Our only concern is towards the irresponsible portion of our audience. There are some people on this campus who have no respect for private property.

Have you seen the three Valley Star mailboxes around campus? They've been vandalized.

Last semester, a member of our editorial staff took the time and money to set up the mailboxes around campus. This mailboxes were set up so the Valley Star would have student feedback on articles published. They were set out there for the reader, not for us.

We're sad to say that we didn't receive much reader response. Once again, that's OK.

If you don't like writing to the Valley Star or reading it, that's just fine. But please don't mess around with what's not yours. How would you like it if we opened up your mail?

-JULIO CORTEZ
EDITOR IN CHIEF

WHAT'S THE DEAL *with the...*

Tabloid Mentality

BY DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

Because of how the American public (particularly the media) have reacted to the alleged affair between President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, I am embarrassed to be both an American and a journalist.

First, I am embarrassed to be an American because of the way I hear people talking. Hard nosed statements like, "I know he did it!" and defensive one's like, "She's lying!" are heard everywhere. These statements in the legal profession are called gossip and hearsay, neither are admissible in court.

It seems as though almost everyone has already made up their mind whether or not they think our president is innocent or guilty of adultery, perjury and coercion, and whether or not Lewinsky is trying to destroy an innocent man's life or just telling the truth.

"...I felt that this reporter made our entire nation look completely asinine. Oh no, we don't care about world peace, we just want to know if the president is having sexual relations with one of his ex-interns!"

I see the politicians reacting to the alleged affair and the resulting scandal. Within 24 hours of Linda Tripp's disclosure of her so called 'evidence,' certain politicians were already shouting "Impeach him!" from the rooftops.

Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.) was quoted by the Los Angeles Times as saying, "I'm here to deliver a message to the president: Character counts," Barr said. "Mr. President, you are responsible for bringing shame upon a great institution, and we, the people of the United States of America, will hold you accountable."

What kind of statement is that? A bipartisan one?

It seems also that the Democratic response has been overly defensive. Even now, in our advanced society, there seems to be more concern for individual party agenda than what is best for the country.

It is even more embarrassing for me to admit that I am a journalist. What the media has done with this issue is no less than down right preposterous.

Even as a journalist myself, I can say that the press appears to be little better than vultures swarming over their intended victims. Yes, victims.

Considering myself moderately well read and even versed in television news, I am appalled at the almost blatant libel spat out by the press.

There are four page spreads in several respected papers and the otherwise reputable first page column of one newspaper reads like a tabloid. Obviously another entity more concerned for itself than for the good of the country.

There was one incident that just makes me want to deny any affiliation with the press. President Clinton was meeting with Yasir Arafat and one reporter bellowed out a question about his relationship with Lewinsky!

At that moment, I felt that this reporter made our entire nation look completely asinine. Oh no, we don't care about world peace, we just want to know if the president is having sexual relations with one of his ex-interns!

The saddest thing that the media is now more concerned with making money by entertaining us, completely indifferent to really informing us.

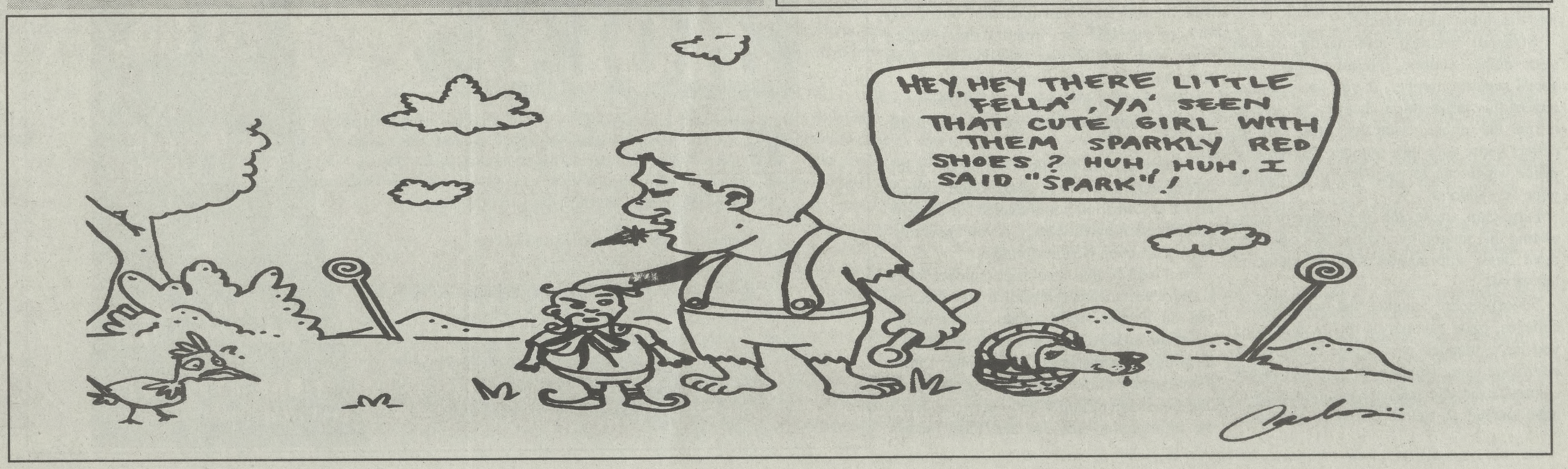
The media has a responsibility to act as a filter; to sift through the crud and bring us the pertinent news. How about waiting until there are some facts to report? What is all this conjecture and theoretical questioning about?

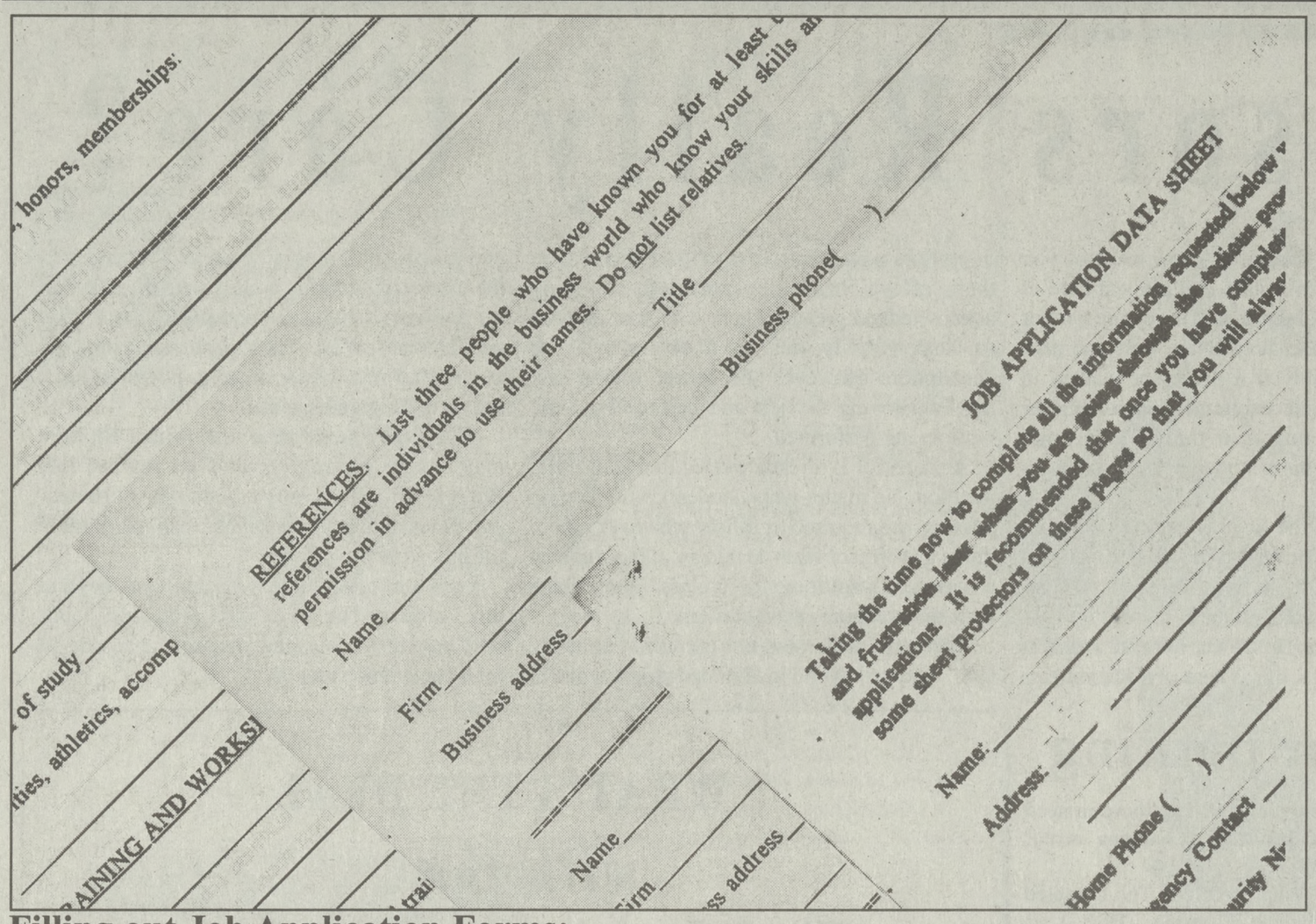
Reporters are so busy quoting polls and statistics while asking questions like, "If the president is lying, should he step down?" that no one has taken the time to gather any facts.

There is one thing I have been taught as a journalism student: You can't print what you don't know.

Why are we letting these so-called journalists get away with this kind of reporting?

I know that I should be offering a solution to this problem of ours, but frankly, the solution is obvious. Before we start talking impeachment and probing into Lewinsky's entire childhood, we should all just simmer down and wait to hear the facts.

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Filling out Job Application Forms:

Stop Before You Start

By ROBIN FEJES
STAR REPORTER

Valley College Director of Cooperative Education Hanna Pettersson asked, "What's the best time to start looking for a job?" After a pause, she answered, "When you don't need one, because then you can afford to be more selective."

Whether you have the luxury of being selective or you're desperate to find a job, both the process and the preparation are the same. Planning will save you time and expense.

When students walk into the Cooperative Education/Job Resource Center, Pettersson hands them a generic job application packet that guides them through the steps of job planning, from filling out a mock Job Application Data Sheet, constructing a resume and cover letter to preparing for a job interview.

In outlining those steps, Pettersson recommends starting from scratch and constructing a rough draft from the materials in the packet.

Job Application Data Sheet

This is a sample of the type of form an employer gives to job applicants, who may or may not have a resume. It is not meant to take the place of a resume, only to gain additional personal, professional and educational information about you not covered in your resume.

Unlike a resume, a job application form is legally binding and since employers often check facts, a lie can cost you the job. The sections listed on this form are broken down into the following categories:

Standard Personal Information: include your name, address, phone number and social security number. If you move and/or any of this information changes, be sure to notify the phone company, who can let callers know your new number and the post office which can forward first class mail to your new address.

Pettersson stresses the importance of completing this section by adding, "It's often the most basic information that an applicant leaves out."

Education and Training: list high schools, colleges, trade schools or business schools you have attended or received a degree or certificate from. Begin with the most recent and make sure the dates are accurate and you have spelled all names correctly and completely.

Training and Workshops: include additional education, training, licenses and certificates. This is crucial if the job you apply for requires specialization in a specific field.

Work History: start by listing your most recent employer, work address, phone number, job title, supervisor, salary history, start and end dates. Ten years or less of employment history are normally covered in this time span.

Duties and Accomplishments: information not included on your resume can be listed here, it should be relevant to the job you're applying for. When and if you are leaving a job, be honest, but not too detailed or negative. Reasons given for general job dissatisfaction include; no room for growth, promotion or raises.

> **"It's often the most basic information that an applicant leaves out."**
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> **-Hanna Pettersson, Director of Cooperative Education, Placement and Internships**

Military experience: you can earn job points for government or civil service jobs. If this is not included on the form, specify you wish to claim veteran's credit.

Skills and Abilities: include anything not already covered on a resume and cover letter that are needed for the job you are applying for.

References: list three people who know the quality of your work in the business world. Ask their permission in advance if you plan on using their names. Include their professional title, firm, business phone number and address.

Additional Information: include proof of a degree, certificate or license. Have extra copies of these available in case you're asked to provide them again.

College transcripts are not considered official unless left in their original envelope, with the seal intact and opened by the person they're intended for. Request extra copies from each school you attended and have them available for multiple job searches.

Valley College gives students two free transcripts. Additional transcripts are one dollar each.

Once you have practiced filling out a Job Application Data Sheet, go back and recheck all the information you included for content, completeness and accuracy. If you make mistakes start over. Neatness counts.

Even with double checking employer's like Kaiser Permanente, realize that mistakes can and do happen. Rather than automatically eliminate an applicant, like most employer's do if any information is incomplete, Kaiser Permanente has devised special applications that are scanned into a computer that reads the information provided and flags incomplete applications.

The applicants are sent a letter telling them to complete the required information and send or bring it back. Employer's recommend you attach a resume and cover letter.

According to Rose Medina and Kristen Morse from Kaiser Permanente's Human Resource Department, a lot of the applications, resumes and cover letters they receive have the address and phone number missing, making it impossible to contact the applicant. In that case, there is nothing any employer can do to correct this situation.

Next issue: Deciphering a Classified Ad

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and the number one best-selling shortest book in the world is.....

1. **My Plan to Find the Real Killers by O.J. Simpson**

Head-bobbing, bass-bumping, beats for the trunk

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

The long awaited "Lunitik Muzik" has finally hit the stores with banging bass messages from the Luniz.

Dialog from the evil creatures from the movie "Space Jam" is used in the album's introductory track. In this case, the main creature wants big recording artists instead of basketball stars from earth. He wants something, he calls, "Loony."

Artists like E-40, B-Legit, Too Short, Harm, Eightball, MJG, Raphael Saadiq, Brownstone, Swoop G., 3X Crazy, Redman, 2 Live Crew, DJ Quik, Mokenstef, Cydal, Poppa L.Q., The System and Christion are featured in eight of the 16 tracks on the Luniz latest release by Virgin Records.

"20 Bluntz A Day" is number 16 on the album. Those familiar with 2 Live Crew's work with Miami bass will realize that they are featured in this song as soon as the group's hard-hitting, bass-bumping, famous beats open up the track.

Not that the Luniz need any help. After their hit single, "I Got Five On It," hit listeners internationally, the duo are ready to come back and keep on showing their talents.

Courtesy of Virgin Records

Numskull and Yukmouth of the Luniz are ready to give the world their second album, "Lunitik Muzik."

"My Baby Mamma," "Is It Kool" and "Y Do Thugs Die" are a few of the tracks in which Numskull and Yukmouth, also known as Drink-A-Lot and Smoke-A-Lot, do their thing all on their own.

Though having evil lyrics involving sex, money, drugs and a skull on their album cover, the Luniz send a message of peace.

The Luniz try to forget the rivalry of rap and hip hop, better known as the "East and the West Coast beef," by "just do a cut, don't even mention any beef, and then just dropping it to them," as they claim in the beginning of their third song, "Funking Over Nuthin'." In this track Num and Yuk publicly squash the problems with Too Short.

It wouldn't be a surprise if "Is It Kool," "Jus Mee & U," and "Killaz On The Payroll" become the Luniz' best songs of the album.

"Is It Kool" has the same beat L.L. Cool J. used in his hit single "Who Do You Love." Though the lyrics and choirs in this song are not as romantic as in L.L.'s, the song will attract many listeners.

The Luniz throw in a special threat for those who've listened to all the tracks. "Eleven O'Clock News," a 2:55 minute song, is played following the last song marked on the back cover of the album.

It's already out. So go out and get it before all copies are gone.

Book grants awarded by the ASU

■ Five Valley College students were awarded $100 grants for book purchasing

BY NANCY BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

Five hundred dollars was given away to Valley College students by the Associated Student Union.

The ASU offered five book grants, each worth $100. The requirements were for students to have a grade point average of at least 2.5, and to write an essay on why they deserved a book grant.

"We did this to help the students out with the obscene high priced of books," said Stefano Bloch, Commissioner of Public Relations.

The winners of the book grants were Arthur P. Leahy, Zora Ross, Pedro Santana Junior, Tanya L. Wold, and Lucia Yorey.

"Every person that sent an essay was very different," said Bloch. "They were different ages, from senior citizens to second year students with very different career goals."

Leahy is a political science major, he has a GPA of 3.7, is in the Transfer Alliance Program and was on the Dean's List, according to his essay.

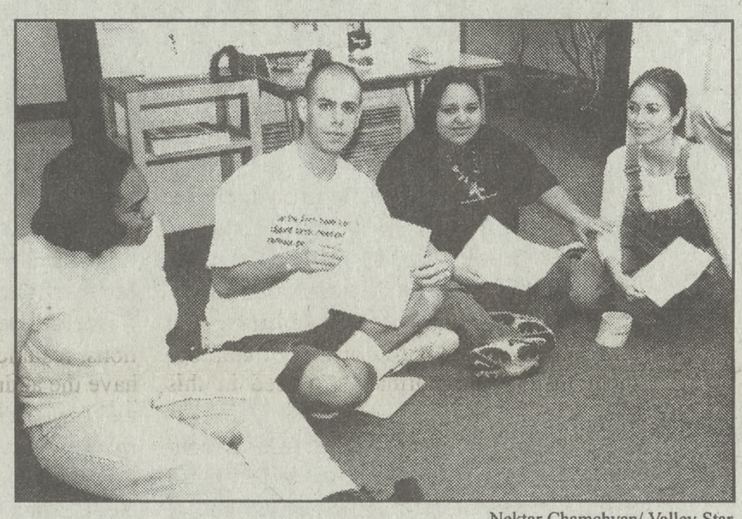
Ross plans on getting her AA degree in nursing. "I was excited and happy," said Ross. "I'd like to thank Colleen (Flynn) especially for letting me turn in my essay, since it was late. The opportunities given by ASU are wonderful."

Santana, who is the first in his family to go to college, has a GPA of 3.5. In his essay Santana wrote, "I know that there is much more to learn in life and I also feel that I'm better qualified than to be working for $5.50 an hour and if I qualify for this grant it will lessen the stress on my back."

With a GPA of 3.6, Wold hopes to become a Spanish broadcaster, productively using her knowledge of the Spanish culture, according to her essay.

Yorey is a member of Tao Alpha Epsilon, her goal is to join the Peace Corps.

In addition to the book grants, ASU gave $3000 to the Transfer Alliance Program. They are also attempting to work with the Work and Space Committee to enforce the nonsmoking policy at Valley College, said Bloch.



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Sherry Mathews, Stefano Bloch, Maria Euceda and Colleen Flynn show off the grant-winning essays

Officers Wanted

BY NANCY BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

Since '92 the Cross Culture Club at Valley College has been trying to bring different cultures together.

"The club is to understand and learn about all the cultures," said Rayvon Douthard, founder of the club. "It is a good club to join in which different people come together."

There are openings for treasurer and center representative.

"We want someone that knows about math and is good with money," said Douthard.

"He or she goes to the meetings and lets other people know the club is there for everyone," said Douthard.

The club has participated in Club Day and hosted a cultural Pow-wow dance in which there were Indian guest speakers.

LAST MINUTE VALENTINE'S DAY SURPRISES

By ROBIN FEJES
STAR REPORTER

Whether you're the sentimental type or the forgetful type, here are some Valentine's Day surprises you can create yourself. Most items can be bought and made at the last minute and require only an imagination to get you started.

HANDMADE GIFT BASKETS

(*Supplies*)
One red or white basket *or*
One gift tin (Valentine's Day or Victorian motif)
Red or white craft straw or tissue paper (for stuffing)
Red or white glitter (iridescent, extra fine)
Red, printed or clear cellophane wrap (Saran, Glad...)
Red, white or pastel ribbons and matching bow
Mylar, red and white or pastel balloons
Perfume (women), Cologne (men)
Candy or baked goods (homemade or store bought)
One bottle of wine or champagne
Two wine or champagne glasses
Bubble bath (foaming, crystals or powdered)
Gift soap (assorted scents)
Candles (assorted shapes and sizes)
Gourmet meats, cheese, crackers
Small Valentine's Day stuffed animal
Scissors

Stuff the bottom of the basket or tin with straw or tissue paper. Lightly sprinkle glitter over the top. Place the teddy bear in the middle of the basket. Arrange the largest items in the back at an angle, facing toward the bear. Alternate each row by size and angle. (Largest items in back, smallest in front.)

When the basket is full, cut the cellophane to fit over the basket or tin and twist at the top. Tie about ten strands of ribbon around the balloons and attach to the twist top of the basket or tin. Tape a bow in the center of the twist to hide the knots. Take scissors and pull each strand of ribbon against the dull edge, until the ribbon curl when released.

VALENTINE'S DAY CAKE, COOKIES, BROWNIES

(*Supplies*)
Cake, cookie or brownie mix (homemade or store bought)
Heart shaped baking tin (any size)
Heart and angel shaped cookie cutters
Heart and angel shaped stencils
One flour sifter (used for powdered sugar)
White frosting
Red food coloring
Confectioner's (powdered) sugar
Candy or edible cake decorations (Valentine or Victorian motif)

If you're baking the above follow the directions on the box using the heart shaped baking tin. Let the cake, cookies or brownies cool. If you're using store bought products, use the baking tin as a stencil and cut around the outside, using a sharp knife. The red food coloring is mixed with the white frosting, if you want pink or red icing. The heart and angel stencils are placed over the cake, cookies or brownies and powdered sugar is sprinkled inside the stencil, then removed. This version looks and works best without frosting. The rest is up to your imagination.

HANDMADE VALENTINE'S DAY CARD

(*Supplies*)
Valentine or Victorian pre-cut mini cards or stickers (one box).
Fine point markers(assorted colors)
White glossy poster board, cut into 8 x 10 sheets
Parchment, handmade, fancy art paper or doilies
Adhesive letters, numbers or stencil template
Rubber stamps and ink pad (optional)
Rubber stamp ink (assorted colors).
Ribbon (red, white or pastel)
Two or three hole punch
Scissors (straight or any fancy edge blades)
Glue stick (Archival is best for keepsakes)

This is where you get to use your imagination to create a story book on how you met your Valentine and embellish it using the above supplies. If you're not a gifted writer you can read about the history of Valentine's Day and use this to help you get your idea started.

The poster board is used for the pages that you glue objects onto. The fancy papers and doilies are optional and are glued onto the poster board. The remaining designs are added on top of this. Leave space around your designs so you can write your personalized story, using fine point markers.

You can add a title and names using adhesive letters and/or stencil templates. When finished, line up the cards in story order and two or three hole punch the center of the left margin. Pull the ribbon through the holes and tie in a bow.

You can make your own envelope using a doily or any type of paper. Take a standard envelope that is the size of your Valentine's Day card and unfold it. Place the unfolded envelope over the doily or paper and trace around it. Remove the envelope and cut the paper or doily you traced. Place the unfolded envelope over the doily or paper and line them up. Refold the envelope making sure the creases are sharp enough to transfer onto the doily or paper. Remove the standard envelope and insert your Valentine's Day card into the envelope you just made. You can seal the outside flap with a Valentine Day or Victorian sticker.

HOLLYWOOD'S CORNER

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

Drugs and sports... They don't mix.

Drugs and anything, do not mix either.

Lately we've been hearing a lot of talk about professional athletes who've been caught with illegal substances. Yet they don't recieve enough punishment.

Sure they get fined and suspended for a couple of games, but they are back on the team way before their high has even gone down.

What kind of an example is that to starving athletes.

Tony Phillips, for example, was caught buying cocaine at a motel. He was suspended for a couple of games and fined.

Now, I love the way Phillips plays. He reminds me of myself when I played baseball. Always hustling, making the difficult plays, and risking getting hurt just to make the out.

As a young athlete I made these type of players my idols. Then something like this gets out and I feel like a fool for looking up to who is now an addict rather than a role model.

Why is it that a lot of great players fall into the hands of drugs.

Diego Armando Maradona, an Argentinean soccer player who was, at one point, the best player in the world, also was caught with drugs. He also was fined a great deal of money, but was back on the field right away.

The day he came back off suspension, the Argentinean soccer fans welcomed him back as if the Pope was in town.

Why were they let off so easily. Is it the fact that they are great players and have millions of dollars. Whatever it was it shouldn't have affected their punishments.

These are heroes for a lot of people, especially the young. So we force ourselves to forgive and still admire them.

Lately there has been complaints of drug usage in the National Basketball Association.

Why haven't the people in charge of pro sports made any drug testings? They should.

Still, if they find a good athlete doing such a thing, they would be let off right away.

John Ireland and Steve Mason, of the Carl's Jr. Big Show which airs on Fox Sports West II and on AM 1150, tackled the NBA situation by having a 10 point poll about drug testing on Tuesday morning .

Ireland, who was in favor of testing, beat Mason, who was against it, 10-9.

It's great that there are people who want professionals to be tested. But what about the nine people who voted against it. It just shows how controversial this topic is.

Valley topples Corsairs

■ **Basketball:** Monarchs knock Santa Monica down from first to third place in the WSC Southern Division.

By MAGIC TOPPIN
STAR REPORTER

Valley College upset the No. 1-ranked Santa Monica Corsairs Jan. 24 with a final score of 84-80 at Valley.

Leon Brisport got Valley College started early with seven points.

Valley	**84**
SM	**80**

Santa Monica jumped to an early lead with baskets from Darnai Thomas and a three-pointer from Ronald Patterson.

Germaine Chase hit a three-pointer to tie up the game early in the first half.

The Corsairs' Azell James and Darwin Carter gave Santa Monica a 20-14 lead with 13:15 left in the quarter.

Valley went to the bench for help and was ignited by Gianandrea Marcaccini, who scored the Monarch's next five points to bring the game within two.

A Corsairs quick transition brought the lead back up by eight making it 31-23.

Faheem Nelson's defensive rejection and six points got the Monarchs going again, trailing only by six. Eric Dotson's steal and two free throws capped a Monarch 9-0 run and a Brisport lay-up put Valley up by two.

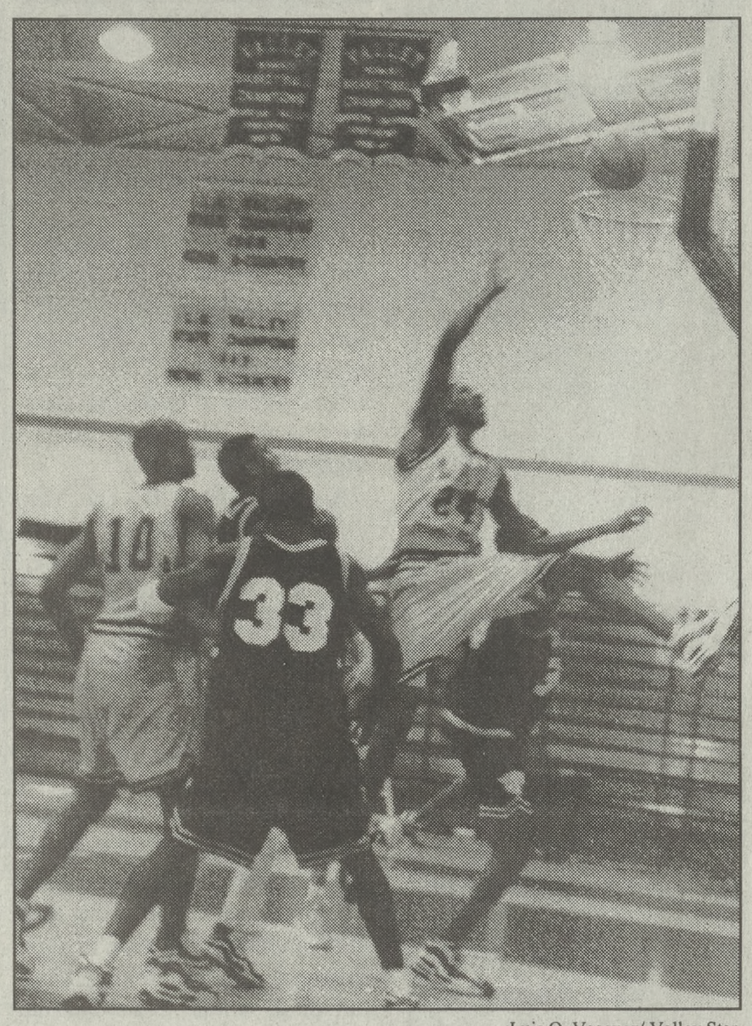
Nelson finished off the half with a rebound and put-back that gave the Monarchs a 49-46 halftime lead.

Brisport also started the Monarchs second half. As in the first, he scored their first four points.

Tyree Williams's basket pushed Valley's lead to 55-48 and Brisport's dunk killed the Corsairs' inside attack. Alfonzo Edward's quick basket kept Santa Monica within striking range. After two Monarch turnovers the Corsairs had a 5-0 run of their own.

Darius Techaranchi basket off a rebound regained the Corsairs lead 68-67. After a Santa Monica free-throw, Chase came through with a jumper that tied the game at 69-69

Valley hustle inched the game up by four points and a big rejection from Nelson put the Monarchs up by six with two free-throws.



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Valley College's Pierre Elize scores two points off three defenders.

Valley College 84,Corsairs 80				
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Noel	1-3	6	3	3
Williams	2-4	1	4	2
Marcaccini	2-2	2	2	3
Elize	5-7	2	4	4
Dotson	0-2	1	2	2
Chase	5-11	1	2	8
Nelson	6-8	2	0	9
Thomas	0-1	1	1	0
Eernisse	0-0	0	0	0
Brisport	6-11	3	7	6

One-on-one with McLaughlin

By MAGIC TOPPIN
STAR REPORTER

Tanya McLaughlin goes a long way to prove a point.

"She can score 30 points on any given night," said women's basketball coach John Taylor.

McLaughlin graduated from Canyon High School where she was named Most Valuable Player and was awarded an All-Tournament spot at Bell-Jeff High School for her scoring and tenacity on the floor.

"I don't like the style, Canyon plays too dirty" McLaughlin said on why she chose Valley College and not College of the Canyons.

McLaughlin is ranked sixth in the Western State Conference in scoring at 16.5 points a game.

With that asset, Valley has a good chance to win the championship this year.

Her most memorable moment so far was the game against Bakersfield on Feb. 4.

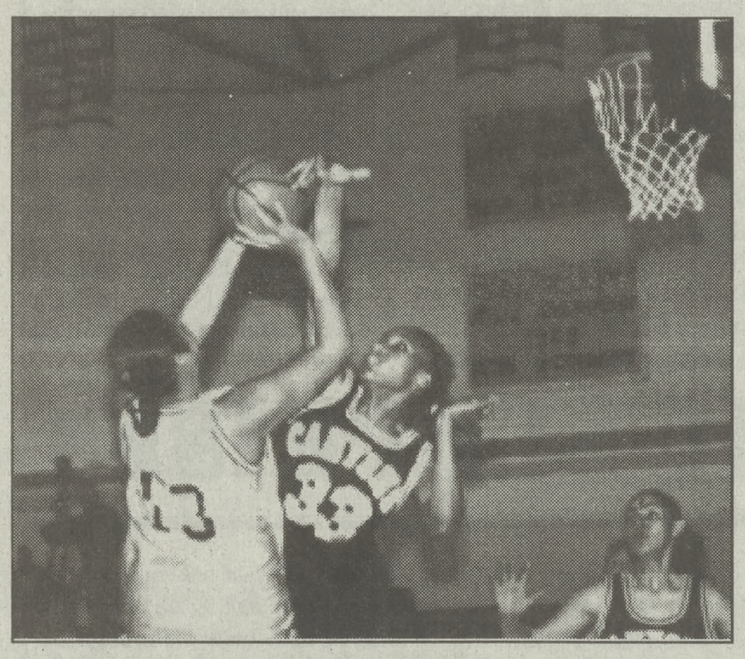
With four seconds left, Valley had the ball out of bounds. McLaughlin took the ball and scored at the buzzer.

After McLaughlin's career is over at Valley, she would like to play ball on the East Coast but has not decided which school she would like to play with.

If basketball is not an option, she would like to study law and become an attorney.

Coach Taylor's philosophy of hard work and dedication is a contributing factor in McLaughlin's overall success.

With a talented cast of teammates beside her, McLaughlin and the Lady Monarchs are poised for great things.



Jami Zabner/ Valley Star

Lady Monarch Melani Maleki is rejected by a defender.

With two seconds left, Rodriguez wins it

By MAGIC TOPPIN
STAR REPORTER

Maricella Rodriguez kept the lady Monarch conference playoff hopes alive by hitting the game winning shot with two seconds left in a 60-59 win over Santa Monica.

Valley	60
SM	59

The lady Monarchs regained possession late in the game, but a technical foul was called on Tanya McLaughlin for calling a time-out with none left.

With seven seconds left Akia Morris fell and traveled with the ball, which turned the ball over, giving the Monarchs one last chance to win the game.

With the Corsairs playing zone, Rodriguez slipped behind the defense with four seconds left. McLaughlin saw this and quickly threw it to Rodriguez for the basket and the win.

"The ball was supposed to go to McLaughlin and then she was supposed to pass it to me," Rodriguez said after the game

Santa Monica made the game interesting late in the fourth quarter.

The Corsairs, with 10 minutes left, began a 26-14 run. Melissa Beaver brought the score up to 57-48 with a jumper. Morris hit a two-pointer and brought the score up to 57-54.

With three minutes left, the Corsairs continued to play hard with a three-pointer from Beaver that brought the lead to within one. With 27 seconds left on the clock Devon King hit a basket and gave Santa Monica the lead 59-58.

Early in the game however, the lady Monarchs dominated. Rodriguez hit a jumper from the foul line and gave Valley a quick 5-2 first quarter lead.

A McLaughlin rejection led to a Rodriguez put back and a steal from Nyoki McKeith brought the lead up by six. Noelani Westall followed with a jumper from the outside that gave Valley a 16-9 advantage.

McLaughlin blocked another shot and hit a two pointer to solidify a lady Monarch 22-9 lead in the opening half.

Santa Monica stayed poised and began their climb with a 7-2 run in the second quarter. Quiana Knox and Akia Morris both scored on lay-ups and made it a 30-16 ballgame. Morris scored again and brought the Corsairs within 10.

The lady Monarchs continued their dominance in the second half with two McKeith baskets and a poised defense leading to a 42-26 lead in the first 5 minutes in the quarter.

First swimming meet postponed by water

■ **Swimming:** Swim team gets ready, but El Nino postpones first meet at Valley.

By JOHN TARR
STAR REPORTER

The Valley College swim team's first meet of the season, Feb. 6, was postponed because of last Friday's storm which made it impossible for their opponent to make the meet.

It was to be the swim team's first dual conference meet versus Chaffey College of San Bernardino.

The meet was scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Valley College and although the storm broke by noon, Chaffey's team was kept home because of flooding in the San Bernardino region.

The meet versus Chaffey has been rescheduled for April 10 at Valley College at 2:30 p.m.

The Valley College swim team is in a very tough Western State Conference of nine teams, according to head swim Coach Bill Krauss. He expects his team to finish in the top three because of their dedication to swimming. Both men's and women's swim teams practice twice a day, according to Krauss.

Last season, the men's team placed third overall in the conference with a record of 4-4 while the women placed fourth overall in the conference with a record of 5-3.

The Valley College men's swim team is a relatively large community college swim team with 20 swimmers, according to Krauss.

Three of their best swimmers include sophomores Mike Scarcelli, Nate Burris and freshman Pete Driscoll from Crespi High.

Scarcelli excels in the freestyle and backstroke and who, according to Krauss, has a chance to break two school records and be a factor in the State Swim Finals April 30 - May 2.

Burris who competed at state last season is a very good individual medley swimmer, according to Krauss.

Driscoll is their best freshman, a freestyle sprinter who Krauss expects will make it to the state meet.

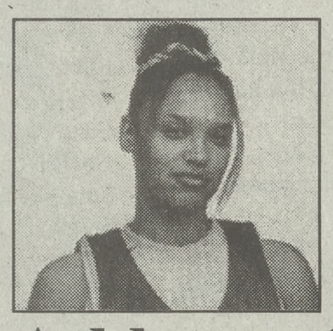
The Valley College women's swim team is smaller than the men's with 15 swimmers including three excellent sophomore and three outstanding freshmen, according to Krauss.

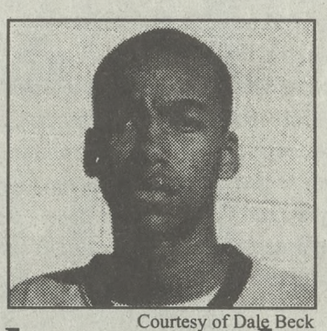
The sophomores include Cynthia Macinness, backstroke and individual medley; Kari Rittmiller, breaststroke; and Anna Hartsfield, distance freestyle and individual medley.

The freshmen women include Stephanie Hammer from Hoover High, freestyle; Lianna Kishimoto from Alemany High, freestyle sprinter; and Melissa Minkey from Crescenta Valley, individual medley.

Their next meet is scheduled for Wed. Feb. 11 versus El Camino (non-conference) at El Camino (results next issue).

The swim team's next home meet is at 2:30 p.m. Fri. Feb. 20 versus Rio Hondo, a conference rival.





Courtesy of Dale Beck

Athletes of the month: January

Name: Tanya McLaughlin
Sport: Basketball
Grade Level: Sophomore
High School: Canyon
Accomplishments: WSC Player of the Week for the second week of Jan. Currently leading the Monarchs in scoring with 16.3 points per game. Jan. productivity includes 22 points vs. Santa Barbara, 26 vs. defending state champ Ventura, 29 vs. Hancock and 20 vs. Pierce.

Name: Germaine Chase
Sport: Basketball
Grade Level: Sophomore
High School: Westchester
Accomplishments: Chase is the starting guard for the 19-5 Monarchs. He is a three point specialist, hitting 19 of 25 three point attempts during the Monarchs nine game winning streak. He is averaging 9.8 points per game with 3.6 assists.